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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INTERNET CENSORSHIP, CYBER WAR, NORTH KOREA

Editorial Quotes

11. INTERNET CENSORSHIP

"Foreign media demonizes the fighting over Green Dam software"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(07/02): "The postponement of the Chinese government's installation of Green Dam software has been widely welcomed by the West. Some Western media expressed their pride, suggesting that they have won. The Chinese government's primary goal behind installing this software is very simple. However it was complicated by the West. Chinese experts suggest that China does not have enough experience in installing the software. The West seems to believe that once computer manufacturers install the software, it is 'obedient' to the government and becomes the government's follower. It is the Western media who has purposely created this hostile environment. Chinese experts also indicate that postponing the installation should be taken as the result of pressure from the West. In fact, China has not altered its principles. The Chinese government did not conduct sufficient internal communication and external promotion on the software beforehand. The reason [given by the Chinese government] of insufficient time is a trust-worthy one. The modernization of China's politics has not yet been achieved successfully. A balance needs to be achieved between political modernization and Internet control."

12. CYBER WAR

"The U.S. refuses to establish rules for cyber warfare"

The official Xinhua News Agency international news publication International Herald Leader (Guoji Xianqu Daobao) (07/02): "The arms race with the U.S. pulled the former Soviet Union apart. What is the chance that Russia will win against the U.S. in the current cyber battlefield? Considering the great divergences between the two countries on how to guarantee network security and how to conduct international cooperation, the coming meeting of the U.S. and Russia to discuss cyber warfare rules has little chance of reaching consensus. Russia wants to establish an international treaty on cyber warfare as the core network technology is in the U.S.'s hands. Once a cyber war breaks out, the U.S. Government can use the giant IT companies' strengths at anytime which makes it terribly powerful. If other countries join in the cyber arms race, the U.S. would have the advantage in dragging other countries down."

13. NORTH KOREA

"American, Japanese and South Korean spies have no effective way to deal with North Korea"

The official Communist Party international news publication Global

Times (Huanqiu Shibao)(07/02): "Over the years, North Korea has continuously varied its actions on the nuclear issue. In contrast, each time the U.S., Japan and South Korea only deal with the issue passively. It seems they don't have a clue what North Korea has in mind. Previously North Korea seldom arrested spies. However, since 2006, North Korea has successively publicized three spy cases. Chinese experts indicate that it is highly possible that the three cases are true. ...Most of spying against North Korea is related to South Korea. It is difficult to send spies to North Korea and even more difficult to infiltrate the local North Korean people."

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